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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "11" has been used to designate both the open-part and a gap; reference character "13" has been used to designate both the head-part and the front portion; reference character "14" has been used to designate both the body-part and the rear portion; reference character "20" has been used to designate both the form-holder and the shaping holder. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: (note that the following are examples only and not intended to be a complete listing thereof) lines 8-9 of page 1, the terms "pe" and "t" are confusing and it is unclear what is defined/implied; lines 22-23 of page 1, the terms "unc" and "omfortable" are confusing and it is unclear what is defined/implied.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrugia (US D442748; see especially Figure 7 attached at the end of this Office Action for further explanation) in view of Cano (US 4137870) and Springer et al. (US 3850144).

Farrugia discloses a moving bag comprising: a main body having a space and a bottom wherein the bottom is partitioned to a front portion and a rear portion; an elongated shaping holders in pair; and a length shoulder strap.

Farrugia discloses most of the claimed invention except for indicating that (1) the bottom is lowered from the front portion toward the rear portion and (2) the shoulder strap is adjustable and sewn to the extended part.

Regarding (1), Cano teaches a similar moving bag as that of Farrugia in which Cano's bag having a bottom that is lower from the front portion (Figure 1, portion near reference no. 2) toward the rear portion (Figure 1, portion near reference no. 19). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the bag of Farrugia so as to have a bottom that is lower from the front portion toward the rear portion, in a similar manner as taught in Cano, so that the bag can be contoured to the desirable shape of the pet within.

Regarding (2), Springer et al. teach a similar moving bag as that of Farrugia in which Springer et al.'s bag having an adjustable shoulder strap (8) wherein the shoulder strap is sewn to the extended part (36) of the bag. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the bag of Farrugia so as to have an adjustable shoulder strap wherein the strap is sewn to the extended part, in a similar manner as taught in Springer et al., so that the bag can be carried by the user more easily and efficiently.

For claim 2, Farrugia further discloses the shaping holders are outwardly flapped over to open the space and inwardly flapped back to close the space.

For claim 3, Farrugia further discloses an extended part is formed near the body front.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 A.M to 6:00 P.M). The examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on (571) 272-7045 for the purpose of status inquiry only. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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